Eligibility of applicants and roles in the project

> **This is an invite-only call, meaning each WWTF-funded ME/CFS 2024 Understanding ME/CFS project is eligible to submit one proposal. This can be done by one of the Principal Investigators.**

The general eligibility of applicants is specified in the WWTF Funding Guideline. A project's **core team** may include **up to three Principal Investigators (PIs).** This includes a PI&C and up to two co-PIs.

- Core team members may share equal management and scientific roles in the projects.
- WWTF especially encourages young and female scientists to apply as PI.
- **Each core team member must submit a CV**, which will form part of the evaluation.
- A researcher may appear as a core team member (i.e., PI&C, co-PI) in a maximum of two proposals in this call.

One PI must be designated as **PI&C**.

- For legal and administrative reasons (contact person, funding contract, reporting), WWTF requires a PI&C to be named.
- The PI&C must have an affiliation at a Viennese research institution, which will serve as a legal contract partner.

Up to two **co-PIs** may also be named in the core team.

- Co-PIs may be based in Vienna, Lower Austria or elsewhere (in Austria or internationally) in fulfilment of the requirements of regular WWTF projects or Joint Projects (see below).

Additional **project partners and collaborators** are permitted in the research team.

- Non-academic collaboration partners (e.g., NGOs, patient advocate groups, etc.) are eligible for funding to a certain extent.
- Industry partners are not eligible for funding.

Research partners outside Vienna: Project partners outside of Vienna may receive up to 30% of the total requested funding.

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